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Letter dated 18 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to your attention updated information on the mediation efforts undertaken by the State of Qatar since 2010 to assist in reaching a compromise settlement of the border disagreement between the Republic of Djibouti and the State of Eritrea, in particular the issue of Djiboutian prisoners of war held in the State of Eritrea.

As a result of the continued efforts of the good offices of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, for mediation between the Eritrean and Djiboutian parties, and following the recent visits to Doha by Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, and Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea, a number of Djiboutian prisoners of war held in the State of Eritrea have been released.

In this regard, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, who is currently in the Republic of Djibouti in connection with the release of the Djiboutian prisoners, has welcomed the release of the Djiboutian prisoners, which came as a result of the positive response by the State of Eritrea to the Qatari mediation efforts. He further expressed his hope that this development would be a step forward in the process of the resolution of the remaining disagreements between the Republic of Djibouti and the State of Eritrea.

We will keep you informed of new developments in a timely manner.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alya Ahmed S. **Al-Thani**
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Letter dated 14 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address you and to submit herewith a copy of the communiqué issued on 11 March 2016 by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in support of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, rejecting the decision of the Government of the United States of America to renew its unilateral coercive measures (see annex).

In this regard, I respectfully request your good offices in issuing the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 119, and to have it circulated among the States Members and observers of the Organization for their information.

(*Signed*) Rafael Darío **Ramírez Carreño**
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Annex to the letter dated 14 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Communiqué of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in support of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, rejecting the decision of the Government of the United States of America to renew its unilateral coercive measures

New York, 11 March 2016

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement rejects the latest decision of the Government of the United States of America to renew its unilateral coercive measures against the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on 4 March 2016, under the executive order signed by President Barack Obama which declared "a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Venezuela".

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement deplores those disproportionate measures and reiterates its firm support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in line with the Bandung principles. In this regard, the Coordinating Bureau emphasizes the need to respect international law, including the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement emphasizes the importance of dialogue to promote peaceful settlement of disputes, and we urge the Government of the United States and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to engage in constructive dialogue.

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement expresses its solidarity and support to the people and Government of Venezuela in rejection of those illegal measures and urges the United States Government to desist from such illegal coercive measures that affect the spirit of dialogue and political understanding among nations.